

DAILY TELLS OF COMING MADNESS

Educated Man's Struggles Against Impulse to Kill or Commit Suicide.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) London, July 29.—An educated man's diary of growing madness and struggling against the impulse to kill or commit suicide was read at the Old Bailey, when the mystery of the cyclist highwayman was solved.

It will be recalled that Mr. Saul Spittler, a motorcycleist, riding towards Barnet late one night, was overtaken by a man on a bicycle, with whom he conversed, and who suddenly shot at him several times, shouting, "Your money or your life!" The assailant, George Douglas Hay, aged twenty-four, was brought to trial on Saturday, when Dr. Dyer, of Brixton Prison, who described the case as unique, read passages from Hay's life story, written by himself.

Dr. Dyer presumed that Hay was an illegitimate child, inheriting high intellectual faculties. He had no doubt now that he was of unsound mind. The diary, divided into periods of years, ran as follows:

17 to 19—Begin to develop aversion to society and tendency to withdraw into shell; pass through short unhealthy period of most fervid religious devotion; take special treatment for stammering, resulting in temporary cure. Return of stammer; consequent sense of something quickens my longing for isolation, and I take situation as postman in tiny remote village.

19 to 22—Become depressed as stammer gets worse. Continue to live in village as much a stranger as I entered; hypersensitiveness becomes exquisite; meditate constantly on the fatality of life. Live now absolutely alone.

22 to 24—The suspicion begins to grow that my stammer is not the root of all my trouble, but is merely the manifestation of some deeper psychic malady. Placed myself in the hands of a specialist for treatment by Professor Freud's system of psycho-analysis, and return apparently cured. Horrified to detect after few months of first normal existence I ever enjoyed—namely my immunity from mental ailments, etc.—signs of return of my affliction.

Discovery of certain things brings home the realization that I am a close "introspectionist," and forthwith begin to practice it consciously with an intensity that has no parallel in my enemies, I had to compel myself, through agonizing mental exercises, the least drastic of all of which was daily an hour or two's intensest auto-suggestion. So excruciating became the nervous tension, when in the presence of other people, that I was driven to carry my revolver with me. It was necessary for me, in the conflict of personality, absolutely to dominate myself. That was the only test of whether I was succeeding in killing my psychic enemies in the internal struggle. And I knew or intuitedly felt that I was growing on him, and to struggle against it. It is plausible, the details the prisoner has told me of—the impulses which have been welling up in his life during the last eighteen months, and the terrible struggle he has had to keep them down.

During these terrible months I spent hours daily in the innermost self-dissection and self-suggestion, lying for hours in the privacy of my bedroom in semi-trance, and with a faintly suspended, save my thoughts, which wrestled till I seemed to agonize. The very quivering tissues of my inmost being seemed to be laid so open and exposed that I actually experienced physical pain from sounds—as a footfall.

To the prisoner's counsel, Dr. Dyer said: It is possible for a man to be conscious that he has a mental infirmity, and that it is growing on him, and to struggle against it. It is plausible, the details the prisoner has told me of—the impulses which have been welling up in his life during the last eighteen months, and the terrible struggle he has had to keep them down.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty, but insane, and the prisoner was ordered to be detained during His Majesty's pleasure.

SOMMERVILLE IS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SEMINARY

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Lewinsburg, Va., July 29.—At a recent meeting here the board of trustees of Lewinsburg Seminary elected R. C. Sommerville, of Savannah, Ga., president of the seminary to succeed Dr. R. L. Telford, who resigned not long ago. Dr. Telford's resignation, which caused general regret, was accepted with reluctance in view of the many years of earnest and successful effort which he had devoted to the upbuilding of the school, but the board believes that in Mr. Sommerville it has found a man who is well fitted to take up Dr. Telford's work and carry it forward with energy and wisdom.

Mr. Sommerville is a native of Virginia, and a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College, A. M. 1886. Since leaving college he has devoted himself wholly to educational work, at first as teacher in preparatory schools in the Virginia and in Georgia, and then, since 1905, as organizer and head of a very successful school in Savannah. Prominent citizens, educators, ministers and other representative men of his late home commend him and his work there most highly. He is a brother of the Rev. C. W. Sommerville, D. D., professor of Hebrew in Southern Presbyterian University, Clarksville, Tenn.

The new president already has started an active campaign in the interest of the seminary, and the prospect is that the next session, beginning September 13, will be a most successful one.

Crops Practically Rotted.

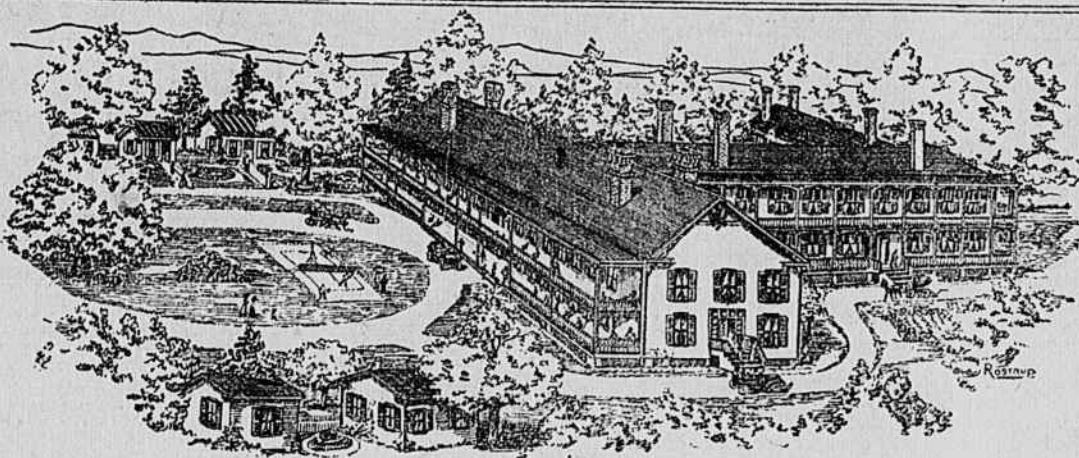
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Arvon, Va., July 29.—Owing to the long-continued drought, crops throughout this section of the State, except in very low and moist places, have been practically rotted. The corn crop, which, in spite of the dry weather, looked well up to two weeks ago, has been blasted on all highlands, and the stalks are now drying up. Tobacco is suffering dreadfully, and farmers are complaining that unless rain comes within a week the crop will be a total failure.

Gardens have long ago dried completely up. Some have planted and replanted vegetables three or four times, only to have them parched completely by the sun before they could reach maturity.

In the upper sections of Buckingham county the drought has been worse than elsewhere in this section, practically all crops having been burnt up. The dust in this section is several inches deep in the roads, and traveling is difficult.

In May the rainfall, measured, was only half an inch; in June only three inches, and up to this time in July only 1.06 inches have fallen, making a total for three months of less than the average for one month.

Members of the alfalfa clubs, in spite of the weather conditions, are preparing to experiment with the crop, and are clearing their lands into condition for seeding between August 15 and September 15.



THE HOTEL.

COTTAGE HOMES AT OTTERBURN

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The novel scheme that entered into the minds of the new owners of the property when they acquired it and the success of that novelty is interesting from an industrial standpoint. One of the incorporators of the new company advanced the idea that here within thirty-seven miles of Richmond on a railway that runs six or more passenger trains every day, there could be and ought to be established here a Richmond colony of summer cottages. The idea took well with the then small company of stockholders, and to the matter they bought the seventy acres of beautifully wooded and shaded land surrounding the springs property, and these seventy acres have been laid off into avenues, and 350 lots, 50x150 feet. In time, these lots are expected to be utilized by business men who will erect cottages on them for summer homes for their families.

In such summer homes the cottagers, the owners and dwellers can run their own household, and cooking and eating arrangements, or they can live in their own cottages and board at the hotel, and in either event have all the privileges of the springs and the benefit of all the recreation the springs afford.

The plan succeeded. To carry out this plan the stock was increased and the first arrangement was to give to each stockholder a cottage lot with each \$100 share of stock purchased, and thus it became a real estate proposition.

However, it is plain enough that it was not a speculative proposition, the idea being not to make money by lot sales, but to encourage and insure the creation of a summer colony at Otterburn. The ride from Richmond to the place is of but an hour's duration, and the schedules are now so accommodating that one can make the trip four times a day if need be, and the commutation rate is only 14 cents per trip, quite as cheap as street car fare, distance—thirty-seven miles—being considered.

The plan worked well, far better than the brilliant originator of the idea really expected, and very many lots were taken up, which cottages will be built before the opening of the next season. Some have already been built and others started.

The summer capital. I am informed that the board of directors are now decided to hold this free lot proposition open only a short time longer, and on and after September 15, the remaining lots will be placed on sale at \$100 per lot. Until that time the old proposition of a lot thrown in with every share of stock will hold good, because fair dealing and common courtesy demand that ample notice in a change in the advertised plan should be given. Less than fifty shares of stock, so I am told, remain to be sold, and to each

of these the free lot proposition holds good if the transaction is closed before the 15th of September.

The management shows a balance sheet which proves that the stock is worth par without the lot, and it is certain that if the "colony idea" gets well fixed in the minds of Richmond folks the lots will be worth the \$100—and more in the days to come.

It is interesting to note that the guests at Otterburn and the cottage dwellers there are, strictly speaking, a Richmond colony, and as I predicted last spring, Otterburn is rapidly becoming the summer capital of Virginia.

ALFALFA GROWING IN HALIFAX.

A Large Club at Work in the Interest of More Good Hay.

South Boston, Va., July 29.—Pursuant to a meeting of the Halifax Alfalfa Growers' Association was held at Houston this week, with Dr. H. C. Beckett, of Scottsboro, the president, presiding. The president stated the object of the meeting, which was to consider the plans of the various experts, also to get the benefit of the experience of such of the members as had grown alfalfa. A general discussion ensued, all present taking interest in the proceedings. The result was that a set of rules were agreed upon as follows:

1. Not less than one acre of the richest land available on the farm is to be used. Land well drained, but not too steep.

2. To be plowed deep, and not needed to be subsoiled.

3. Sow land in peas; this is not required if clover seed is used—land to be cultivated, however, to destroy weed growth.

4. By August 15 use not less than ten tons of lime per acre.

These instructions to be followed and all locations, manner of cultivation, etc., to be passed upon by president and advisory board.

The following members were appointed by the president as an advisory board: W. H. Dorin (chairman), D. B. Easley, J. J. Lawson, Gran Craddock, J. T. Terry, Rufus Owen and W. C. Slater.

The following were appointed as a committee on resolutions: R. F. Edwards (chairman), Dr. George A. Stever and W. W. Wilkins.

The following were appointed a committee on constitution and by-laws: Henry Manibe, B. E. Hedderley, E. D. Handley, Jr., and Dr. Thomas Watkins.

Dr. A. E. Schubert, assistant land and industrial agent of Norfolk and Western, made a very interesting address. Several members, including Henry Manibe, J. N. Terry and W. H. Dorin, told of their efforts in growing alfalfa in this county.

It is thought that fully seventy-five of the members will put in at least one acre of alfalfa this early fall.

OVERALL FACTORY FOR LYNCHBURG.

Concern to Move from Blackstone and Greatly Enlarge Its Present Output.

Lynchburg, Va., July 29.—Announcement is made through the offices of the Chamber of Commerce that the Jobbers' Overall Manufacturing Company, now located in Blackstone, Va., will move to Lynchburg and will begin operations here about the first of January. The plant will have an equipment of from 125 to 150 of the latest model machines and will have a working force of from 12 to 175 operatives. Negotiations were closed between A. C. Barrow, president and general manager of this concern, and the De Witt-Wharton Manufacturing Company, under the terms which the overall company will take over certain machinery of the old De Witt-Wharton plant and will rent their building for a term of years.

The overall factory in Lynchburg will have an output of from 30,000 to 50,000 dozen per annum, and will mean a substantial addition to the manufacturing department of Lynchburg, not only in the amount of wages spent annually, but also in the volume of business that will be brought here.

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BIG FARM VALUES IN THE SOUTHLAND

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equal to 76.9 per cent. in the value of farm buildings.

More Than Doubled.

In the fourteen Southern States and the District of Columbia the increase was from \$2,388,592,000 to \$5,207,200,000, or by \$2,818,608,000, equal to 118 per cent. in the value of farm lands, and from \$658,188,000 to \$1,312,831,000 or by \$654,643,000, equal to 91.6 per cent. in the value of buildings.

In the six New England States the increase in the ten years was from \$283,460,000 to \$379,120,000, or by \$95,660,000, equal to 33.7 per cent. in the value of farm lands, and from \$244,807,000 to \$332,778,000, or by \$87,971,000, equal to 35.9 per cent. in the value of farm buildings.

In the Middle States—Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin—the increase was from \$5,216,721,000 to \$8,702,513,000, or by \$3,485,792,000, equal to 66.8 per cent. in the value of lands, and from \$1,697,211,000 to \$2,625,931,000, or by \$928,720,000, equal to 54.7 per cent. in the value of buildings.

Towards the Rockies.

In the States grouped as Cis-Rocky—Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Wyoming—the increase was from \$1,208,713,000 to \$1,359,656,000, or by \$150,943,000, equal to 12.5 per cent. in the value of lands, and from \$808,710,000 to \$1,126,407,000, or by \$317,697,000, equal to 39.3 per cent. in the value of buildings.

In the Trans-Rocky Group of States—Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah and Washington—the increase was from \$960,225,000 to \$2,755,810,000, or by \$1,795,585,000, equal to 186.8 per cent. in the value of lands, and from \$28,623,000 to \$295,875,000, or by \$267,252,000, equal to 934 per cent. in the value of buildings.

In the Older Lands.

It is to be expected that in such closely-populated sections as New England and the Middle States a great increase in the value of farm buildings should appear, and that in sections where great tracts of land are still to be brought under cultivation. The increase in the value of farm buildings constituted 48 per cent. of the combined increase in the value of lands and buildings in the ten years in the New England States and 31 per cent. of the increase in the Middle States. In the Cis-Rocky States and in the Trans-Rocky States the proportions were 11 per cent. and 8 per cent., respectively.

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